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sectioning, special methods, the use of the microscope, and micrometric methods involving the use of the camera lucida.

The most notable new chapter is the one dealing with methods of staining filamentous algæ and fungi, and mounting them in Venetian turpentine. An abstract of the methods of Pfeiffer and Wellheim is given, together with such modifications as have been bound to give successful preparations. Such extremely delicate forms as Vaucheria can be carried through the stains and mounted in Venetian turpentine without showing the least trace of plasmolysis; and even if slight plasmolysis should occur, it can be corrected by manipulation of the mounting medium. The Venetian turpentine method, giving preparations requiring no sealing, and as hard and durable as balsam mounts, should almost entirely replace the troublesome glycerine method.

Much attention is given to collecting and keeping material alive in the laboratory. Klebs's method of securing reproductive phases in algae and fungi is presented in a practical manner. Specific directions are given for making such preparations as are needed by teachers and others who wish a comprehensive view of the plant kingdom from the lowest to the highest forms.

The book will be very useful to teachers of secondary schools, as well as to independent workers, for it gives in usable and concise form the latest and most approved methods of modern micro-technique.

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German Higher Schools: The History, Organization and Methods of Secondary Education in Germany. By JAMES E. RUSSELL. Ph.D., LL.D. New York: Longmans, Green & Co.

This is a revised edition of the handbook on the German secondary schools by the dean of Teachers College, New York, first published in 1899, and reviewed in these columns. The new edition is enlarged by the addition of a chapter entitled, "The Progress of School Reform, 1898–1905," a "Bibliography of Recent Works on School Reform," and three appendices entitled "Royal Decree of November 26, 1900," "Curricula of Prussian Higher Schools of 1901," and "The Privileged Higher School of Germany in 1903–1904." These additions will render more useful what has already become a standard work on the subject. On p. 463 ad fin. "1903" should read "1900."

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Boys and Their Management in School. By H. Bompas Smith, M.A., Head-master of Queen Mary's School, Walsall; Formerly Assistant Master at Shrewsbury. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1905. Pp. 119.

While this small volume is written from the standpoint of the English school and for English schoolmasters, it contains a fund of practical wisdom born of experience that would be applicable under any conditions. The book is divided into two parts, the first of which, entitled "The Human Boy," deals with the physical and mental development of boys between the ages of eight and nineteen years and draws much of its material from Hall's Adolescence. In the second part, entitled "The Boy in School," the author speaks from his own experience, and reveals himself as a thoughtful and sympathetic student of the problems of his profession. We Amer-